

REMARKS

Claims 2-6 and 12-16 remain in the application. All other claims are canceled without prejudice to advance prosecution of the present application.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2-6 and 12-16 would be allowable if certain claims were rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. By the present amendment claims 2 and 12 are so rewritten in independent form and claims 3-6 and 13-16 depend therefrom. Accordingly, claims 2-6 and 12-16 should now be in condition for allowance.

The art made of record and not relied upon has been reviewed, and it is believed that the multi-layer microwave interconnect module as defined by claims 2-6 and the microwave electronic module as defined by claims 12-16 are neither shown nor suggested therefrom, singly or in combination.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

If there are any issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension or any further fee required in connection with the filing of this Amendment is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. EICCP005X1).

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